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Sir:

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF IMPROPER REQUEST
FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

In response to the Communication mailed July 18, 2002
(hereinafter the "Notice"), the Applicants respectfully request
reconsideration of the rejection of the request for continued
examination filed on July 1, 2002.

REMARKS

A Final Office Action rejecting all pending claims of the
above application was mailed on February 11, 2002. On July 1,
2002, the Applicants filed a Request for Continued Examination
(RCE) under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 Transmittal together with a Petition
for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), a Transmittal
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with attached form PTO-1449. A copy of Petitioner's July 1st
submission is attached.

The Patent and Trademark Office received said documents on
July 8, 2002, as evidenced by Applicants' receipt of an
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